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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the items entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005" and "Human resources management" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. At the 40th meeting, on 24 March, questions were raised by the representative of Egypt relating to section XI of General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004 and on the implementation of paragraph 5 of section II of resolution 59/266 of 23 December 2004. Discussions on the matter ensued at the Committee's 41st to 43rd meetings, on 30 March and 1 and 6 April 2005. The statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's deliberations are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.40-43).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/59/L.47

3. At the 43rd meeting, on 6 April, on the basis of informal consultations, the Chairman of the Committee orally introduced a draft decision entitled "Recruitment", which was subsequently issued as document A/C.5/59/L.47.

4. Before the adoption of the draft decision, the Acting Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security made a statement (see A/C.5/59/SR.43).

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5. At the same meeting, the representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement (see A/C.5/59/SR.43).

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/59/L.47 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. After the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Cuba, Costa Rica, India, Mexico and Argentina.

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Recruitment

The General Assembly

(a) Decides, in view of the fact that printed copies of vacancy announcements were not distributed to delegations as required by paragraph 5 of section II of General Assembly resolution 59/266 of 23 December 2004 with respect to the establishment, in accordance with section XI of resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004, of the Department of Safety and Security, that the D-2 post of Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General, the D-2 post of Director of the Division of Regional Operations, the D-2 post of Director of the Division of Safety and Security Services and the D-1 post of Executive Officer should, on an exceptional basis, be re-advertised for thirty days, while the process continues with respect to recruitment actions already under way;

(b) Also decides that in respect of the fourteen P-3 to P-5 posts in the Department of Safety and Security for which vacancy announcements were issued between 3 and 31 March 2005 in Galaxy but not distributed in printed form, the deadline for receipt of applications shall be extended by fifteen days, on an exceptional basis;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to comply fully with the provisions of paragraph 5 of section II of resolution 59/266.